

REMEDICATION AND REDEVELOPMENT (RR) NEWS FROM WISCONSIN DNR  
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OCTOBER 21 REGISTRATION FOR SER CONSULTANT DAY

The Southeast Region (SER) of the Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) Program will hold a Consultant Day in affiliation with the Federation of Environmental Consultants (FET) on October 29. Topics include using RR Program databases, a brownfields update, defining contaminated sites, the SER case closure committee, case studies, soil performance standards, upcoming guidance on remediation of chlorinated solvents, building on abandoned landfills, and investigative waste and waste disposal. The SER Consultant Day will be held at the Midway Hotel, 1005 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield. The cost is \$75, including lunch and all printed material. FET's registration form is on their web site at <http://www.fetinc.org/> Please see "Upcoming Events".

NEW BROWNFIELDS GRANT PROGRAM UNDERWAY

A new DNR program to help Wisconsin communities clean up environmentally contaminated properties is underway. The Brownfields Green Space & Public Facilities Grant program has \$1 million to help local governments fund environmental remediation at properties that will yield a public benefit. These grants can be used to fund cleanup at abandoned, idle or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived contamination. The program targets properties that will ultimately be used as green space or recreation areas, or be otherwise used by a local government. This is a unique opportunity for communities and non-profit organizations to convert old factories and other contaminated properties along lakes and rivers, or near residential neighborhoods, into public assets, using the only brownfield grant program in the country targeted toward parks and other public facilities. Grants can be awarded for up to \$200,000, and require a match from the local government or their non-profit partner. Applications for the Brownfields Green Space & Public Facilities Grant program are due January 17, 2003. You can access more information about these grants, as well as the application form and instructions, on the web at:

[http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace\\_grant.htm](http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm) If you have questions, please contact Michael Prager at [Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us](mailto:Michael.Prager@dnr.state.wi.us) or at 608-261-

4927, or Jessica Milz at Jessica.Milz@dnr.state.wi.us or at 608-267-0559.

EPA ANNOUNCES FEDERAL BROWNFIELDS GRANT & LOAN GUIDELINES  
EPA has announced their guidelines for federal brownfield assessment, revolving loan fund and cleanup grants. They have established a competitive system for awarding grants, using a two-step process. Initial proposals are due to the EPA Region V office December 16, 2002. The schedule for the entire process is found on page 12 of the guidelines on EPA's web site at

<http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm#pg> Assessment grants provide funding for a grant recipient to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites. Revolving loan fund grants provide funding for capitalizing a revolving loan fund and to provide subgrants to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields sites. Cleanup grants provide funding for a grant recipient to carry out cleanup activities at brownfields

#### REMINDER - PUBLIC HEARINGS ON NR 169

Public hearings on changes to NR 169, the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) Program, will be held October 22 at 9:00 by video-conference at the following locations:

- Eau Claire State Office Building, 718 Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, Room 139
- UWEX and DNR Northern Region Headquarters, 107 Sutliff Ave., Rhinelander, Room 1
- Milwaukee State Office Building, 819 N. 6th St., Milwaukee, Room 98
- Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St., Madison, Room 332
- Green Bay State Office Building, 200 North Jefferson St., Green Bay, Room 618

The proposed changes would incorporate statutory changes to the program, and also update the consultant selection and bidding processes. The proposed rule language are on our "Dry Cleaners" web page at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/financial/dryclean.html> A fact sheet that describes the proposed changes is also available at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR698.pdf>

Written comments on the proposed changes may be submitted until November 1, 2002. Please address written comments to

Robin Schmidt - RR/3, Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707. If you need a printed copy of the proposed changes, you may call 608-264-6020, or 1-800-367-6076 for long distance calls originating in Wisconsin. If you have questions, please contact Robin.Schmidt@dnr.state.wi.us, or at 608-267-7569.

#### NEW ON THE WEB - UPDATED PUBLICATIONS

- DNR's Superior Lien Authority: What It Means For Property Owners

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR507.pdf>

- What is Superfund?

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR122.pdf>

- Environmental Services Contractors List (self-identified list of consultants available to work for responsible parties)

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR024.pdf>

- Publications Checklist (current list of Remediation & Redevelopment Program publications)

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR582.pdf>

#### CONTAMINATED SITES ARE ON THE WEB

The RR Program still gets inquiries from people asking how to find out whether a parcel of land has a history of contamination. All contaminated sites that have been reported to us, as well as other sites where we have determined that environmental cleanup actions are not required, are available on-line. The Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) is on the web. Use the "Find Sites" button on our main page to link to BRRTS.

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/index.htm> If you haven't used our database before, please be sure to click on the "Help" button to see the definitions in our glossary, review disclaimers and to find instructions for getting started. In particular, please take a look at the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) under our "Help" button.

#### DISCHARGE REPORTING & RANGE OF RESPONSES

A few consultants have asked about "new" procedures for spill reporting. Spill reporting has not changed, but the range of responses you may receive from DNR has changed somewhat. To review spill reporting requirements, and the range of responses, please see the article titled "Discharge Reporting and DNR Response - What Responsible Parties and Consultants Should Know" in our June edition of "ReNews" at

<http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/aw/rr/archives/pubs/RR693.pdf>

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